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Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/85 of 6 December 1999 concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In paragraph 16 of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to prepare for submission to the relevant bodies, with the assistance of those agencies and organizations, a report on the action taken in implementation of the relevant resolutions, including resolution 54/85, since the circulation of his previous report.

2. In a letter dated 7 March 2000, the Secretary-General brought the text of the resolution to the attention of the executive heads of the following specialized agencies and international institutions forming part of or associated with the United Nations and invited them to submit the information requested for inclusion in the report referred to in the above paragraph:

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United Nations Children's Fund

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

United Nations Development Programme

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

United Nations Environment Programme

United Nations Population Fund

International Labour Organization

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

International Civil Aviation Organization

World Food Programme

World Health Organization

World Bank

International Monetary Fund

Universal Postal Union

International Telecommunication Union

World Meteorological Organization

International Maritime Organization

World Intellectual Property Organization

International Fund for Agricultural Development

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

International Atomic Energy Agency

World Trade Organization

Caribbean Community

League of Arab States

Organization of African Unity

Organization of American States

Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Division for Transnational Corporations and Investment

Caribbean Development Bank

South Pacific Forum

3. Summaries of the replies received from the international organizations concerned in response to the above-mentioned letter will be given in document E/2000/__.

4. Summaries of additional replies received, together with such further information as may become available on relevant activities undertaken by the organizations concerned during the year, will be circulated in addenda to the present report.

5. In addition, the Secretary-General transmitted the text of the resolution to the various departments and other units of the Secretariat. Information received in that regard will also be circulated in addenda to the present report.